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Admission into the Queen Mary's College during the year 1933.

* 327 *Q.*—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state with reference to the Queen Mary's College, Madras—

(*a*) the number of persons including those from the college who applied to join each class and group during the year 1933; and

(*b*) the number of applicants in each class and group rejected and why?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The particulars required are given in the statement appended.[a]

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know why 17 students in the first year class and seven students in the third year class were rejected last year? Is it for want of accommodation?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The reasons mentioned at the foot of the appendix applies to all the classes."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"Is the hon. Member aware of the fact that one of the reasons for the decline in the strength of the college is the bad treatment meted out to the girls by the Principal of the college?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"There is no such information before the Government."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"Is the hon. Member aware of the fact that the girls who are inmates of the hostel are constantly annoyed by burglars and rowdies on the roadside. If so, what steps were taken by the Principal to prevent the same?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The Government have not received any information about the steps taken."

S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I ask whether any facilities are given to Muslim students who seek admission to this college?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I do not know what particular facilities the hon. Member wants the Government to give. They have sufficient facilities even now."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know why students who get low marks are not admitted into this college? Am I to understand that the staff is so bad that they are incapable of coaching up the average students properly? These are girls who have passed the S.S.L.C. and the Intermediate examinations; and when the University allows them to go up, the Government obstructs them from going on with their further studies?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"In all Government colleges, they prescribe a certain percentage of marks for admission."

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Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"The hon. Minister said that the Government have no information regarding an attempted burglary at the college, and the annoyance caused by rowdies. The report of the Queen Mary's College issued this year states . . ."

The hon. the President:—"Order, order. I want to know how that question arises on this."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"The hon. the Minister said that he was not aware of it, Sir . . ." 11-30 a.m

The hon. the President:—"Order, order. That does not give him the occasion to put a supplementary question. On an answer given by the hon. the Minister that he is not aware of any such thing, a supplementary question cannot arise. If he has given an answer that he is aware of a certain thing, then probably a supplementary question might arise to elucidate that."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"May I submit, Sir, that though the hon. Minister gave an answer that he was not aware of it, there is documentary evidence that he is aware of it? Every report relating to this institution is placed before him; and it ought to have come within the official cognizance of the Minister."

Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"May I point out, Sir, that it is part of the Government Order which is incorporated in reviewing the administration reports in the department?"

The hon. the President:—"Has it been reviewed in connexion with admissions?"

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know, Sir, if the hon. Minister is aware of the G.O. No. 1511, dated the 25th August 1933, wherein it is stated that continual annoyance by rowdies and attempted burglary, etc., have made the northern building uninhabitable?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"But I understood the hon. Member's question to be that by reason of such incidents, students were not coming to the college. There is no such thing mentioned at all in the report."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know if he is aware of the fact that this is one of the reasons why girls do not seek admission into the college in such large numbers as they used to do?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I am not aware of it, Sir."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"Will the hon. Minister make enquiries or ask the Director of Public Instruction to conduct an enquiry into the matter and report to the Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I am not prepared to do it, Sir."

Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar:—"May I know, Sir, to what communities and districts these lady students, whose applications for admission were rejected, belong?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"Notice."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"In view of the fact that education of women has not advanced to such an extent as to enable the Government to have a high standard prescribed for admission, will the Government consider the advisability of instructing the Principal not to insist upon this very high standard?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I shall communicate the suggestion to the Director of Public Instruction."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know, Sir, what are the causes that have brought about this decline in the number of the students of this college?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"It has been explained in the answer. The decline is not so serious as my hon. Friend seems to think. But the causes of the decline such as it exists have been explained in the answer."

Decline in the strength of the Queen Mary's College, Madras.

* 328 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that since 1931 there has been a fall in the strength of the Queen Mary's College; if so, what the reasons therefor are;

(*b*) whether any representations have been made to the Government by the authority of the college in regard to the limited accommodation for natural science section and the absence of facilities for the B.Sc. course in Natural Science; and

(*c*) if so, what steps have been taken by the Education Department to afford these facilities in the said college?

A.—(*a*) The strength of the college in recent years has been as follows:—

March 1931	186
March 1932	237
March 1933	214
July 1933	204

The smaller strength in 1933 compared to the previous year was due to a fall in the number of applicants for admission to courses in History and Economics.

(*b*) & (*c*) The desirability of providing more accommodation in the Natural Science section of the Intermediate course and of organizing the B.Sc. course in the college was mentioned by the Principal in the report on the working of